

Intimation.

Powell's

are now showing
special cretonne and
curtain designs for
the spring season

CURTAIN

Madras Muslins in white
or Eoru with plain,
Frilled or Fancy
Bordered Edges
from 80 cts.
per yard

AND

Plain and Figured
Harness and Book
Muslins in White
and Eoru

Brise Bise
Blinds and Screens

CRETONNE

Very special Plain Book
Muslin Curtains,
Frilled, 3 sides, in
White only 3
yards long
\$5.75 per pr.
4 yards long
\$7.50 per
pair

SHOW

New patterns in Lace
Curtains from \$5.00
per pair 4 yards long

SEE

Latest white ground
and floral designs in
washing Cretonne
for loose covers
and curtains

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POWELL'S

ALEXANDRA

BUILDINGS,

and

28, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1909.

Intimations.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 375 lbs. net \$5.50 per Cask
ex Factory.

In Bags of 50 lbs. net \$3.45 per Bag
ex Factory

SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 10th August, 1908.

O. C. MOOSA,

1 & 3, D'AGUIAR STREET.

NOVELTIES OF THE SEASON.

Trimmed and Untrimmed
HATS, RIBBONS, FLOWERS,
FEATHERS, &c., &c.

LACE SCARFS, MOTOR VEILS

IN
VARIOUS COLORS.

MOUSQUETEIRE GLOVES

IN
WHITE, BLACK & COLORS.

WOOLEN DELAINES, NUNSVAIL-
INGS, VOILES, &c., &c.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S
UNDERCLOTHINGS.

Samples on application. Coast
Port orders carefully executed.

Hongkong, 10th September, 1908.

Build and Design

Rubber Tyre

RICKSHAWS

Standard make or to

order.

STOCK ACCESSORIES

AND

REPAIRS OUTFIT.

DEPOT, KOWLOON.

DRAGON CYCLE DEPOT,

HEAD OFFICE and SHOW
ROOMS,

33-35, Des Voeux Road, Central,

Hongkong.

THERAPION MAY NOW ALSO BE OBTAINED
IN DRAGEE (TASTELESS) FORM.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY

TRADE MARK.

This successful and highly popular remedy, used in
the Continental Hospitals by Robert, Kottan, Robert,
Viel, et al. and others, combining all the desiderata to be
sought in a medicine of this kind, and suits every
thing it is ever employed.

THERAPION No. 1 is an
excellent short time, often a few days only, removes all dis-
charges, affectionately spreading infection, the use of
which does irreparable harm by laying the foundation of
stricture and other serious diseases. In dyspepsia, flatu-
lence, indigestion, and all the ailments of the stomach, it
will be found a most efficacious, affording prompt
relief wherever used. It is a most powerful purgative,
and its use is recommended by all the leading medical
authorities.

THERAPION No. 2 is a
most powerful purgative, and its use is recommended by
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Sold by all Chemists.

REPUTATION OF JAPANESE GOODS ABROAD.

REPORTS OF JAPANESE CONSULS.

REMARKS BY A VERNACULAR JOURNAL.

An interesting article, indirectly bearing on
what may be called the "direct trade" controversy,
appears in the *Osaka Mainichi*.

Complaints have for a long time past been
heard, says our contemporary, regarding the
careless manufacture and irregular production of
Japanese goods exported, especially of Osaka
goods. These complaints have now become
backbone, and it is extraordinary that the
cause of the complaints still remains unrectified.
In fact, they are regarded as a matter of course. Is
this not a deficiency to be deplored for the sake
of commerce and industry and her prestige
abroad?

On perusing a copy of the latest issue of the
Tsusho Jan (Consular reports published by the
Foreign Office), it will be noticed that all its
pages are filled with complaints relating to the
bad quality (and value) of Japanese manufac-
tures for the foreign market. The *Tsusho Jan*
is virtually a medium advertising the bad
quality of Japanese goods, as the following ex-
tracts will show. A report on the position of
Japanese goods in England, first referring to
habutai, says:—

"The producing places of Japanese habutai
exported to England are Fukui, Kaga, and Fu-
kushima (Kagayama), the Fukui habutai repre-
senting the highest figures for the quantity and
value exported. Next comes the Kaga product
that of Fukushima being the lowest. The quality
of Fukui silk appears to have de-
clined somewhat of late and some of the
dealers are expressing regret at the deteriora-
tion in the quality. Habutai occupies a
position among the principal goods exported to
England from Japan, and Fukui silk takes the
first rank in quantity and value amongst the
habutai. In consequence, the progress or de-
cline of the export to England of Fukui habutai
can by no means be looked upon with in-
difference in the Anglo-Japanese trade, and
business-men concerned should consider the
matter carefully."

The next reference is to porcelain and
earthenware, and is to the following effect:—
"The value of Japanese porcelain and earthen-
ware imported into England in 1905 amounted to
¥20,000, which increased to ¥50,000 in
1907. Thus the trade showed an improvement
amounting to a value of ¥30,000 in three years
and had a brilliant future, tea sets in particular
finding a most ready sale. From a decorative
point of view the pure Japanese style is
recommended, but as regards shape, size, and
duration the European style is to be preferred.
Generally the cheapness of Japanese ware find
a better sale, and form naturally the bulk of the
export to England. As might be expected the
cheap ware is not very strong, and tea sets easily
become broken. This has given the impression
to customers that Japanese ware is cheap and
nasty. From past experience, the public has
become cautious, and Japanese ware is not used
so much now as formerly in the tea-shops which
abound in the English cities. Japanese ware
is regarded generally as for decoration only, a
fact to be regretted. One defect of Japanese
ware in comparison with European is that
when one portion is damaged the crack spreads.
European ware is free from this defect. A
similar complaint is made against porcelain,
to the effect that Japanese ware is cheap in
price, but weak or brittle in quality. There is
fierce competition by German (production),
and Japanese business men concerned are
urged to consider the matter carefully."

The opening of the projected Anglo-Japan-
ese Exhibition is definitely decided on, con-
tinues the *Mainichi*, it will only serve to
advertise these defects of Japanese goods more
than ever, as long as these blemishes remain
unrectified, or else it will result in revealing a
wide difference between the quality of goods
sent to the Exhibition and those exported for
business purposes; in other words, between
the sample and the goods actually supplied.
It is of primary importance for Japanese busi-
ness-men to consider these facts and correct
the evils.

The belief that Japanese goods are inferior
in quality, says the *Osaka Journal*, is not
confined to English people, nor even to
other Europeans and Americans. The
Tsusho Jan contains a report by the
Japanese Consulate at Newchwang on
earthenware and porcelain, which says:—
"Japanese earthenware and porcelain im-
ported here consists mostly of Miao and Iyo
ware, comprising principally plates, tea cups,
soap-dishes, vases, and jumbles (*yumbei*).
These are made to meet the taste of the Chi-
nese and are much lower in price than Chinese
ware. As a result the market for Japanese ware
has gradually increased and the ware is seen at
every Chinese porcelain shop in the city. The
only defect of Japanese ware is its bad quality
and lack of durability, it being very easily
broken. The good reputation which Japanese
ware obtained at one time has been gradually
lost. This is much to be deplored."

The next paragraph deals with "Japanese in
Siam" and the following is found under the
heading of "Trade":—

"Japanese goods have earned a bad reputa-
tion for inferior quality in Siam as elsewhere,
and the feeling is becoming deeply impressed
on the Siamese mind that European goods,
though high in price, are excellent in quality,
while Japanese goods are cheap in price but
inferior in quality. Such being the case cer-
tain lines of Japanese goods are sold at Chinese
or Indian shops at English or German pro-
ducts, with the object of abusing the good
reputation of the real articles. But when they
are sold at Japanese shops, there is no doubt
that they are Japanese products, and no cus-
tomer will look at them unless they are sold at
a low price."

Thus the reports of Japanese Consuls at
various places are unanimous. The complaints
do not end here, but are heard from Korea and

China also. Indeed, this remark applies to all
parts of the world. The bad quality of Japanese
goods has become notorious and a byword, and
they are losing credit in all parts of the world—
a credit which cannot be re-established in the
least. Undoubtedly, the loss of reputation
is involving everything, and even goods of
superior quality are regarded on the same level
as those of bad quality. Pablies and goods are
mixed together and are all denounced, so that
it becomes impossible with this loss of credit to
effect a great development in Japanese foreign
trade. This is a matter of extreme regret.
Such censures in reports from Japanese Con-
sulates everywhere are seen in each issue of
the *Tsusho Jan*. How many Japanese
business-men read the *Tsusho Jan* and
how many of its readers attempt to cor-
rect the evils it is impossible to say. Con-
cludes the *Mainichi*, but if the Consular reports
are true, it is a matter of shame for the
Japanese nation and it is a demonstration of
the excessive weakness of Japanese trade.
The reports are practically advertisements
which will hasten the fall in the reputation of
Japanese goods. For these complaints the
business-men concerned are responsible, and
they are urged to wake up to the conse-
quences.—*Japan Chronicle*.

Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions
to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
ON
FRIDAY,

the 26th March, 1909, at 2.30 P.M., at their
Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,
corner of Ice House Street,

SUNDRY VALUABLE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Comprising:—
Double BRASS and IRON BEDSTEADS
with HAIR MATTRESSES, TAPESTRY-
COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE,
TEAKWOOD WARDROBES with BEVEL-
LED GLASS, MARBLE-TOP WASH-
STANDS, DINER WAGGONS, MORO-
CO-COVERED DINING ROOM SUITE,
OVERMANTEL with BEVELLED GLASS,
PICTURE, CANTON CARVED BLACK-
WOOD WARE, GLASS, CROCKERY and
E.P. WARE, COOKING STOVES, &c., &c.,
ALSO

One UTTAGE PIANO by Rachal, One
POLYPHON-CONCERTO and One OAR-
MINA.

Two GRAMOPHONE and RECORDS.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1909.

Intimations.

WANTED.

SITUATION by a Lady as LADY'S COM-
PANION or GOVERNESS. Does
not mind Travelling and undertakes care of
children on the voyage. Apply to—
J. S. C.,
C/o Hongkong Telegraph.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1909.

WANTED.

FURNISHED APARTMENTS at the
Peak, or in Macao.

Apply to—
M. FOURNET,
c/o MACAO HOTEL,
Macao.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1909.

FABST BREWING COMPANY,
MILWAUKEE.

FRESH SUPPLIES

ALWAYS KEPT IN STOCK

BY
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents for
HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA.

Hongkong, 19th Feb. 1909.

GUNS

DIRECT from the manufacturers at lowest
prices. 12 bore Double Breachloaders
from 30s each. Illustrated catalogue of
latest model Shot Guns, Combination Guns,
Sporting Rifles, &c., post free. D. JAMES &
REYNOLDS, George Street, Minorca, Lon-
don, E.C. England.

D. NOMA,

PROFESSIONAL TATTOOER.

AND
THE EXPERT REMOVER OF TATTOO
MARKS.

No. 60 QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.

PATRONISED by Prince of Wales, then
H. R. H. The Duke of York, and
H. R. H. The Emperor of Russia, and having
4,500 testimonials from all sources.

My 34 years' experience in tattooing is a
guarantee of good work and prompt execution.
My colours are absolutely fast and perfectly
harmless, and produce a charming effect not
attained by any other, as their composition is
only known to me. In tattooing unlike some
species of engravings, care must be taken to
have the work done in a perfect, high toned
manner. In order to take special precaution
against possible dangers, I use fresh materials
daily.

The copying of Portraits with distinct
shadows is a specialty.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1904.

Intimations.

ENTERTAINMENT TO VISITING
FLEETS.

SERVICE men invited to Luncheon at
Happy Valley, on 24th and 25th March
will be carried free on all Cars between Pon-
Office and Causeway Bay. In addition to the
ordinary service "Special" Cars to the Race
Course will leave Post Office at 11.30 A.M. and
every 5 minutes until 12.30 P.M.

Invitation cards must be shown to the Con-
ductor of the Car.

J. GRAY SCOTT,
General Manager,
The Electric Traction Company
of Hongkong, Limited.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1909.

DON'T BUY

ELSEWHERE BEFORE YOU CALL AT

FRENCH STORE

(Opposite ASTOR HOUSE).

NOW SHOWING,

A Large and Fancy Assortment of
The Best FRENCH TOYS, DOLLS,

TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS,
CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE,

PERNOT BISCUITS.

&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, 21st November, 1908.

INTERNATIONAL SLEEPING CAR

and

EXPRESS TRAINS TO

(THE

GREAT TRANS-SIBERIAN ROUTE

TO EUROPE.)

HAVING been appointed AGENTS for

the above Company, we shall be

pleased to give any information as to rates of

passage, &c., in connection with above.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th Feb. 1909.

THE

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND

MORTGAGE CO., LD.

(CAPITAL PAID UP\$1,250,000)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property, &c.
Goods received on Storage.

Advances made on Merchandise.
Loans made on the Provident System.

(Rates and Particulars on application).

THE OFFICE OF
TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS,
ATTORNEY, &c.,
Undertaken and Executed.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1908.

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.

LI KWONG LOONG & CO.,

司公隆廣李

CABINET-MAKERS AND ART DECORATORS,
from Shanghai, has re-opened their
FURNITURE STORE

at
No. 39, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

The only Shop in Hongkong with this name.

WHERE HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE
of every description can be made to
order in any design required.

Have been patronised by the Hongkong
Club, Hongkong Hotel, Telegraph Co.,
Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Firms and other
leading Establishments in the Colony, to
whom reference can be made as to the
Superior Workmanship and Materials of the
Furniture, &c., supplied.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., write as
follows:—
"We have pleasure in stating that Mr. L.
KWONG LOONG furnished the Address
to our Dispensary and gave us every satis-
faction."

(Sd.) A. S. WATSON & Co.

ORDERS punctually attended to, and
CHARGES most moderate.

AN INSPECTION INVITED.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1908.

Consignees.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, "MIDDLESBORO",
LONDON, COLOMBO & STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"MONMOUTHSHIRE"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at their risk in
the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out, mark by
mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as
the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 27th inst., at 9 A.M.,
will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the
Godowns, and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Godown Company within
ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after
which no claims will be recognised.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
Noon, TO-DAY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1909.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

"DELHI"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out, mark by
mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as
the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, &c., ex S.S. *Mongolia*,
From Australia, ex S.S. *Moollan*,
From Calcutta, ex S.S. *Sindh*.

From Persian Gulf, ex B.I.S.N. and B. &
P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 24th instant, at
4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Consignee's
and the Company's representative at an
appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten
days of the steamer's arrival here after which
date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns.

TAO CHUN YAN (1924-1992)

Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

THE LOAN AGREEMENT.

[By courtesy of the "Shung Po"]

Peking, 23rd March.

The draft of the loan agreement for the construction of the Hunan-Hupeh section of the Canton-Hankow Railway has been signed by H.E. Chang Chih-tung, superintendent general of the railway.

Now a certain Minister is urging that the final agreement should be drawn up.

TANG SHAO-YI.

RE-APPOINTMENT ON HIS RETURN.

[By courtesy of the "Shung Po"]

Peking, 23rd March.

When H. E. Tang Shao-yi returns to China in the course of the current moon, he will again take up his appointment as Commissioner-General. He will be charged also with the duty of attending to the scheme for the increase of duties and the abolition of likin.

IMPERIAL FUNERAL.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENTERTAINMENT.

[By courtesy of the "Shung Po"]

Peking, 23rd March.

The Waiwup will appropriate a sum of two hundred thousand taels for entertaining the Foreign Ministers who are to represent their respective countries on the occasion of the funeral of the late Emperor Kwang Su.

NAVAL REORGANISATION.

EXTENSION OF KIANGNAN ARSENAL.

[By courtesy of the "Shung Po"]

Peking, 23rd March.

Admiral Sah has held a conference with Prince Su on the project for an extension of the Kiangnan Docks, at Shanghai, in conjunction with the naval reorganisation scheme.

AUDIENCE.

DATE POSTPONED.

[By courtesy of the "Shung Po"]

Peking, 23rd March.

The Prince Regent has altered the date to the 17th day of this moon for an audience to be granted to all officials within the Wen Hua Palace.

PETITION BOXES.

PEOPLE'S INTEREST.

[By courtesy of the "Shung Po"]

Peking, 23rd March.

Some time ago the Prince Regent caused to be erected petition boxes for the people to drop in petitions and suggestions.

Several tens of memorials have been deposited into the boxes; some deal with the subject of naval reorganisation and other contain suggestions regarding the Banner-man troops.

The Prince Regent is highly pleased with the result of his experiment.

PROPERTY SALE.

A property sale took place at the sales room of Mr. G. P. Lamment this afternoon, when land described as being all that piece or parcel of ground at Sham-shui-pi and registered in the Land Office as Kowloon Marine Lot No. 77, containing 13,476 square feet, came under the hammer. The premises are held for the residue of the term of 75 years from the 1st January, 1900, subject to the payment of the due proportion of the annual Crown Rent and to the performance of the covenants therein reserved or contained.

Bidding was not very keen. The property was put up for \$5,700, which rose by \$100 till \$5,800 was reached, when it was knocked down to Mr. Wong Mui Sam for that price.

A Tokyo dispatch reports that a firm in Tientsin, which sells Japanese timber to the Kaping Mining Office, has a scheme to export to Japan coal dust and coke produced by the mining Office, as return cargo of steamers carrying timber to China. The Tientsin firm has accepted a contract to supply 3,000 tons of coal dust to the Kamahai Iron Works, to be brought by the *Toku-maru* by the end of this month, and also a further supply on trial. This is the first instance of coal being imported into Japan from China.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the twentieth ordinary general meeting to be held at the office of the general managers on Saturday, 3rd prox., at 11.30 o'clock a.m., is as follows:

Annexed we have the pleasure to lay before shareholders a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The net profit, after providing for depreciation on buildings and machinery, launches, &c., and including the amount brought forward from the previous year, amounts to \$364,756.74 which it is proposed to deal with as follows, viz:—

To place to reserve fund..... \$1,000.00
To pay a final dividend of 50 cents per share \$100,000.00
Add interim dividend of 40 cents per share 160,000.00 360,000.00
To carry forward to the credit of next year's account..... 3,756.74
Consulting Committee.—In accordance with the articles of association, Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., the Hon. W. J. Gresson and Dr. J. W. Noble retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O'D. Gordin, who are recommended for re-election.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1909.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Auditors' fees.....	\$ 31,116.04
Consulting committee's fees.....	6.00
Amounts written off as bad debts.....	10,618.49
Amount written off as depreciation for 1908.....	1,648.21
Interim dividend.....	\$160,000.00
Balance.....	\$24,756.74
	\$ 517,519.48

BALANCE SHEET.

Capital: 400,000 shares at \$10 each fully paid up.....	\$4,000,000.00
Reserve fund.....	12,000.00
Sundry creditors.....	81,350.79
Company's bankers.....	610,055.32
Balance of profit and loss account.....	\$364,756.74
Less interim dividend.....	160,000.00
	\$4,918,172.85

Green Island Macao:—	
Buildings and machinery as per last statement.....	\$477,130.98
Less depreciation.....	27,427.85
	\$449,703.13

Since expended.....	429,703.12
	\$3,607.91
	\$433,311.03

Cement and raw material in stock valued at.....	232,784.02
Coal in stock valued at.....	3,260.01
Stores in stock valued at.....	79,331.30
	\$34,457.32

Hok Uo, Hongkong:—	
Land as per last statement 1,091,324 square feet valued at.....	\$1,231,968.88
Buildings and machinery as per last statement.....	928,826.18
Less depreciation.....	55,955.84
	\$872,876.44

Since expended.....	131,472.65
	\$1,041,403.09

Cement and raw material in stock valued at.....	759,697.81
Coal, casks, and gunnies in stock valued at.....	58,760.91
Stores in stock valued at.....	163,200.16
	\$221,658.88

Cement on consignment valued at Deep Water Bay Works:—	
Land as per last statement.....	3,500.00
Buildings and machinery as per last statement.....	191,825.96
Less depreciation.....	11,509.56
	\$1,579,316.40

Bricks, pipes, and tiles in stock valued at.....	57,785.79
On consignment valued at.....	4,818.25
Coal in stock valued at.....	2,418.70
Stores in stock valued at.....	2,455.90
	\$67,478.64

Steam lighter, steam launches, &c., as per last statement.....	182,552.03
Less depreciation.....	10,714.86
	\$171,837.17

Since expended.....	59,365.49
	\$231,202.66

Property at Canton as per last statement.....	42,500.00
Value of—premia on fire and marine policies.....	5,371.33
Sundry debtors.....	331,564.66
Cash on hand.....	11,881.79
	\$4,918,172.85

LEUNG SHUI, the master of fishing boat No. 22430, was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour this morning for unlawful possession of a tarpaulin, valued at \$50, which had been stolen from a stevedore.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

OUTBREAK OF YLAGUE.

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, 23rd March.—Several cases of bubonic plague have been reported to have occurred in the new city of Canton, in consequence of which the Taotai of Constabulary has issued a proclamation embodying a set of sanitary regulations to warn the people to be careful with regard to their food and to keep their houses as clean as possible. In the proclamation the sale of dried rats is prohibited.

EXECUTION OF PIRATES.

Some time ago twelve pirates were arrested in Sha Lan, Sunning district, and were sentenced to death after trial by Admiral Li Chon. On the 16th instant, these criminals were beheaded.

BOYS' SCHOOL ATTACKED.

On the 22nd day of the 2nd moon, a school in Kam Lau village in Hoi Kiu district with an enrolment of nineteen students was attacked by a gang of robbers late in the evening. Nine boys were kidnapped and all valuable articles that the robbers could lay their hands on were taken away. The master, whose name is Mok Sheng Ki, who offered resistance to the robbers, had his left arm cut off, and two students were seriously injured.

OFFICIALS' REINSTATEMENT.

A private telegram has been received here that the newly-reinstated Taotai Li Kah Chek has had an audience with the Prince Regent recently and will shortly leave the capital to proceed South and to serve again in the Canton Government service.

INTERNATIONAL AMENITIES.

At 11 o'clock this morning, H. E. Viceroy Chang Jen Chou proceeded to Shamenee to return an official call on Admiral Mead, of the U. S. Navy.

ENCOUNTER WITH BANDITS.

The officials of the Sun Yu district have reported to the Viceroy that a week ago a number of soldiers had an encounter with some bandits, the latter being ultimately beaten and obliged to take to flight. In view of the demonstrations of the local gentry, the bandits (one hundred and eight in all) have surrendered and handed over their weapons.

YUNNAN RAILWAY.

MILLIONS SUNK AND THOUSANDS OF LIVES SACRIFICED.

DARK AND DISCOURAGING OUTLOOK.

The news that the French Government has sanctioned the raising of another loan for the completion of the railway from Foonkin into Yunnan arouses no joy in Indo-China, where the cost of the line promises to be a heavy burden on Colonial finances. The loss of life on the construction work has also been terrible. The *Acquis du Tonkin* gives particulars of how it stood with the line last month. The undertaking was set on foot by M. Doumer, a former Governor-General of Indo-China, for political reasons—to strengthen French influence in Yunnan—but it is now carried on mainly for commercial purposes.

The rails had then almost reached the town of Mengtze on the edge of the high, tableland which stretches into the interior of the province. The most difficult section of the line has just been bridged over, and laying the rails from Mengtze to the capital of the province will be a comparatively easy task. From the frontier town of Loakye to the capital the distance is 465 kilometres (290 miles). The number of tunnels required for the whole distance is set at about 140, so mountains in the country traversed.

VALLEY OF DEATH.

The hardest task of all was that of laying the rails up the valley of the Nam-ti-River, a fever-stricken tract with a climate so deadly that the country is almost without inhabitants. This fatal valley has swallowed up millions of treasure, and multitudes of human lives. The number of coolies who perished there in laying down the rails is set at forty thousand! The people on the table-land have a deadly fear of this valley. Neither reward nor high pay can tempt them to set foot there. Labourers had to be recruited from distant parts. Coolies from North China could not stand this valley of death. Only Canton Chinese and low country Tonkinese could be found to brave the climate.

The superintending staff—almost all of them Italians—stood the climate well and made high profits—estimated so far at 30 millions of francs; very few Frenchmen are employed on the line.

Leaving the inhabited section of Tonkin at Yen-be, the line runs to Mengtze over a distance of 300 kilometres (180 miles) through a country which is a wilderness and will ever remain so, being unhealthy and barren.

LAVISH OUTLAY.

What about this cost? At the outset, the outlay was set at 94 millions of francs. The estimate now stands at 165 millions which can only be met by Indo-China raising a loan. The finishing of the line out of this amount may cost 55 millions of francs, some say that the total cost may figure out at 185 millions! But the traffic when once Yunnan is tapped is expected to yield profitable returns.

The *Opinion* points out that people in the know say that the line will never pay unless it be extended from the capital of Yunnan into the rich province of Szechuen. But, so anti-foreign is the Chinese Government now, that the French company which constructs the railway will never be allowed to extend the line from the capital of Yunnan thither. Most business men in Tonkin frankly say that, if the railway stops at the capital, its upkeep will be a very heavy burden indeed—even though the French Government should bear it all. The outlook is the more serious from there being not the least chance of the Chinese Government buying up the railway, of which there was once a prospect. Whatever may be the mistake of the past, they cannot be helped any. The French Government will have to see the matter through. —*Strait Times*

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

THE PROPOSED DIVIDEND.

We are informed by the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., that the directors have proposed, subject to audit and meeting of shareholders, that a final dividend of 54¢ per share be paid on the 1907 account and 53¢ interim dividend on the 1908 account.

THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

GENERAL MANAGERS' REPORT FOR THE FOUR WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 27, 1909.

To the Chairman and Directors, Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited, Singapore.

Gentlemen,—I herewith beg to submit my report on your mining and milling operations. The mine measurements and assay returns of prospecting work shows a total of 701ft. for the period (4 weeks) under review, made up of 26ft. sinking, 91ft. driving, 564ft. cross-cutting and 20ft. of prospecting work as against 693ft. for the previous four weeks.

MINES.

Bukit Komar 540ft. Level, Drive South. This has been advanced 51ft. making a total of 991ft. The lode 45in. wide is worth 3¢ dwt.

To the north of this lode the drive has been taken from 10 to 55ft. The lode 30in. wide is poor.

440ft. Level, Drive South.—To this has been added 14ft. bringing the total to 150ft. The lode 46in. wide, gives a value of 3¢ dwt.

In the north drive, the No. 1 wire has been sunk 15ft., making a total of 28ft. At this depth the lode is beginning to show and after it is cut through the wire will be sunk on it.

Crosscutting for stoping—316ft.

Stopes.—Above the 440ft. level, 2 stopes: Lode 12in. wide and worth 6¢ dwt.

Above the 340ft. level, 2 stopes: Lode 16in. wide and worth 2¢ dwt.

Above the 240ft. level, 1 stoper: Lode 72 in. wide and worth 3¢ dwt. per ton.

STOPES—MINE.

160ft. Level, Drive South.—Here 12ft. has been driven, making a total of 97ft. The lode 24in. wide is worth 10¢ dwt. The quartz has given place to decomposed slate, the value and width remaining unaltered.

160ft. Level, Drive North.—This has been extended 12ft., bringing the total to 23ft. The lode matter 48in. wide, assays 3¢ dwt. per ton.

Crosscutting for stoping—215ft.

Stopes.—Above the 160ft. level, 2 stopes: lode 10in. wide, assaying 1¢ dwt.

BUKIT MALACCA.

No. 1 Level, Drive South.—To this has been added 4ft., bringing the total to 36ft. The lode 39in. wide is worth 2¢ dwt.

A crosscut has been put off at 38ft. to the East, 13ft., to see if any stone is being raised.

No. 1 Level, North.—From the hanging wall branch a crosscut has been taken East, 47ft., nothing fresh has yet been met. From the hanging wall branch a wire has been started and sunk 13ft. It is intended to connect this with the drive below which will open up some useful stoping ground.

No. 2 Level, Drive North from Crosscut East.—This has been driven 12ft., making a total of 50ft. The lode 47in. wide gives 10¢ dwt. per ton. The wire referred to will connect with the drive.

Stopes.—Milling ore has been won from 3 stopes, carrying a lode 50in. wide and worth 5¢ dwt.

ANDERSON SHAFT.

The new crank shaft was got into place and the engine to work on February 21. We expect to get the water out and to work on the 260ft. level, early in the coming month.

On surface the new balance bob is in its place and finished. The foundations for the gear is complete and, in a few days, we shall commence erecting the machinery. The electrical part is nearly all in place.

Mill.—From the Whitley Tables 31.35 tons of concentrates have been won, worth 1.490¢ per ton.

The balance of the annual clean up has been made. Results are given on the mill sheet, which accompanies this.

Cyanide.—During the sixteen weeks to date 251 tons of concentrates and 194½ bags have been treated for a recovery of 123.02¢ of gold, equaling 8.05¢ of contents.

Mill Returns for 4 weeks ending February 27, 1909:—

40 Stamps: ran 28 days less 1.7 days for repairs and clean up.

Huntington Mill ran 28 days less 2.7 days for repairs and clean up.

Gr. Crushed: Komar 1,395 Slope 1,105

Total 3,500 tons.

Amalgam Collected 2,680.00 ozs. producing Retorted Gold 910.00 " Smelted Gold 9,000.00 "

Balance of annual clean up producing Amalgam 645.00 ozs. producing Retorted Gold 208.00 " Smelted Gold 205.00 "

Average yield per ton 5.20 dwt. on 910 oz. value of tailings 58 "

BUKIT MALACCA.

No. 1 Mill ran 25 days crushing 1,730 tons Surface ore and 332 tons Mine ore.

Total crushed, 1,962 tons.

Amalgam Collected 330.00 ozs. producing Retorted Gold 112.00 " Smelted Gold 110.00 "

Annual clean up producing Amalgam 5,648.00 ozs. producing Retorted Gold 1,221.00 ozs. Smelted Gold 123.00 "

Average Fineness 891.51

Yield per ton 5.70 dwt. on 1,020 oz.

W. H. MARTIN, General Manager.

Today's Advertisements.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st April, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Accounts, to 31st December, 1908, and of declaring dividends, &c.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 11th April to the 21st April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1909. [290]

SANITARY BOARD OFFICE, HONGKONG.

TO THE OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS and VENTILATION BYE-LAWS (as amended), every Domestic Building or part of such Building within the WESTERN Division of the City of Victoria, occupied by members of more than one family, except those within the European Reservation or those parts of a Domestic Building used as a Shop, Office or Godown, must be CLEANSED and LIME-WASHED THROUGHOUT by the owners during the months of February and March.

N.B.—The word "Throughout" used in this notice means that the Houses should be lime-washed in respect of all the Walls of each Room, all Ceiling Partitions, Stair Casings and Stair Linings, all Ceilings and the Under-sides of Roofs in Main Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters and inclusive of Verandahs.

The Backyard must have its containing Walls Lime-washed up to the level of the first floor.

Carved, Painted or Polished Woodwork in good condition, however, need not be Lime-washed, but must be Cleaned.

The Western Division of the City lies to the West of Tank Lane and Cleverly Street.

The Government Lime-washing Contractor is prepared to Cleanse and Lime-wash Floors at the rate of \$1.00 per floor on application being made to the Secretary of the Sanitary Board.

A. GIBSON, Secretary.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1909. [288]

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

THE Military Authorities have given notice that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out from the Western Defences on FRIDAY, the 26th instant, in a Westerly direction up to ranges of 10,000 yards. Practice will commence at 9.30 A.M.

BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master, &c.
Hongkong, 24th March, 1909. [289]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship "FOOKSANG," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. the 26th inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.
Hongkong, 24th March, 1909. [6]

BANK LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

COMMERCIAL

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE

London-Bank T.T.	1/8 1/2
Do. demand	1/8 1/2
Do. 4 months' sight	1/8 1/2
France-Bank T.T.	2.18
Do. demand	2.18
Do. 4 months' sight	2.18
Germany-Bank T.T.	1.92
Do. demand	1.92
Do. 4 months' sight	1.92
Shanghai-Bank T.T.	74 1/2
Singapore-Bank T.T. per H.K. 500	74 1/2
Japan-Bank T.T.	84 1/2
Java-Bank T.T.	104 1/2

Shipping Reports

4 months' sight L/C	1/9 1/2
6 months' sight L/C	1/9 1/2
9 months' sight L/C	1/9 1/2
4 months' sight do.	44 1/2
30 days' sight Sydney & Melbourne	1.9 5 1/2
4 months' sight France	2.26
6 months' sight do.	2.26
4 months' sight Germany	1.91
Bar Silver	3.72
Rate of Exchange	3.72
Sovereign	3.72

SHIPPING AND MAILS

German (Gotha) 25th inst.	1.9 5 1/2
Indian (Lalanga) 28th inst.	1.9 5 1/2
French (Ernest Simon) 29th inst.	1.9 5 1/2

The *S. S. Hupet* left Haiphong on 20th inst., and is due here on 24th inst.

The *S. S. Taming* left Manila on 23rd inst., and is due here on 25th inst.

The *S. S. Waka* left Weihaiwei on 20th inst., and is due here on 25th inst.

The *S. S. Suva* left left Cebu on 23rd inst., and is due here on 27th inst.

The *S. S. Chong* left left Sydney on 10th inst., and is due here on 24th inst.

The *S. S. N. C. S. N. C.* left Singapore for Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on 23rd inst.

THE WEATHER

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Director of the Hongkong Observatory:-

On the 24th at 11.45 a.m. The barometer has fallen very rapidly over Central and Eastern Japan owing to the depression which is moving towards E.N.E. and the latter area.

Pressure has increased quickly over China, an anticyclonic area of considerable intensity now occupying the Yangtze Valley. The barometer has also risen slightly over the S. Philippines.

Gradients are rather steep generally, and strong N. and N.E. winds to gales may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST

- 1.-Hongkong and Neighbourhood, N. to N.E. winds, strong to fair, equally.
- 2.-Formosa Channel, N. to N.E. winds, strong to a gale.
- 3.-South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook, same as No. 1.
- 4.-South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, same as No. 2.

Shipping

Arrivals	Departures
Yedus, Br. s.s., 4,800, D. P. Campbell, 23rd Mar., Singapore 18th Mar., Gen.-B. & S.	Yedus, Br. s.s., 4,800, D. P. Campbell, 23rd Mar., Singapore 18th Mar., Gen.-B. & S.
Yingchow, Br. s.s., 1,215, W. Fraser, 23rd Mar., Sourabaya (Probolinggo) 13th Mar., Sugar-B. & S.	Yingchow, Br. s.s., 1,215, W. Fraser, 23rd Mar., Sourabaya (Probolinggo) 13th Mar., Sugar-B. & S.
Cathay, Br. s.s., 2,619, H. Kruse, 23rd Mar., Shanghai 20th Mar., Gen.-M. & Co.	Cathay, Br. s.s., 2,619, H. Kruse, 23rd Mar., Shanghai 20th Mar., Gen.-M. & Co.
Pria, Br. s.s., 1,737, F. Tacke, 23rd Mar., Kobe 17th Mar., Gen.-M. & Co.	Pria, Br. s.s., 1,737, F. Tacke, 23rd Mar., Kobe 17th Mar., Gen.-M. & Co.
Fooksang, Br. s.s., 1,987, F. A. Mitchell, 24th Mar., Singapore 17th Mar., Gen.-J. M. & Co.	Fooksang, Br. s.s., 1,987, F. A. Mitchell, 24th Mar., Singapore 17th Mar., Gen.-J. M. & Co.
Halyang, Br. s.s., 1,562, A. E. Hodgins, 24th Mar., Swatow 23rd Mar., Tea and Gen.-D. L. & Co.	Halyang, Br. s.s., 1,562, A. E. Hodgins, 24th Mar., Swatow 23rd Mar., Tea and Gen.-D. L. & Co.
Ceylon Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,065, F. L. Pyne, 24th Mar., Moji 13th Mar., Coal and Gen.-N. Y. K.	Ceylon Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,065, F. L. Pyne, 24th Mar., Moji 13th Mar., Coal and Gen.-N. Y. K.
Joshin Maru, Jap. s.s., 702, H. Maruyama, 24th Mar., Tamsui 21st Mar., Gen.-O. S. K.	Joshin Maru, Jap. s.s., 702, H. Maruyama, 24th Mar., Tamsui 21st Mar., Gen.-O. S. K.
Clara Jensen, Ger. s.s., 1,102, J. Bendixen, 24th Mar., Haiphong and Hobei 23rd Mar., Gen.-J. & Co.	Clara Jensen, Ger. s.s., 1,102, J. Bendixen, 24th Mar., Haiphong and Hobei 23rd Mar., Gen.-J. & Co.
Kumeria, Br. s.s., 4,706, J. Mathe, 24th Mar., Victoria, L.C., via Ports 21st Feb., Gen.-D. & Co. Ld.	Kumeria, Br. s.s., 4,706, J. Mathe, 24th Mar., Victoria, L.C., via Ports 21st Feb., Gen.-D. & Co. Ld.
Kwangle, Br. s.s., 1,468, Fröberg, 24th Mar., Shanghai 21st Mar., Gen.-C. M. S. N. Co.	Kwangle, Br. s.s., 1,468, Fröberg, 24th Mar., Shanghai 21st Mar., Gen.-C. M. S. N. Co.
Taiwan, Br. s.s., 1,040, F. C. Everett, 24th Mar., Canton 23rd Mar., Gen.-Chinese.	Taiwan, Br. s.s., 1,040, F. C. Everett, 24th Mar., Canton 23rd Mar., Gen.-Chinese.
Vorwaerts, Aust. s.s., 5,999, B. Bednarz, 24th Mar., Shanghai 21st Mar., Gen.-S. W. & Co.	Vorwaerts, Aust. s.s., 5,999, B. Bednarz, 24th Mar., Shanghai 21st Mar., Gen.-S. W. & Co.
Qenaa, Br. s.s., 1,350, J. H. Brown, 24th Mar., Shanghai 21st Mar., Gen.-B. & S.	Qenaa, Br. s.s., 1,350, J. H. Brown, 24th Mar., Shanghai 21st Mar., Gen.-B. & S.

Clearance at the Harbour Office

Lighting for Singapore.

Lighting for Swatow.

Lighting for Amoy.

Lighting for Haiphong.

Lighting for Saigon.

Lighting for Hongkong.

Lighting for Shanghai.

Passengers arrived

Per *Yedus*, from Singapore-360 Chinese.

Per *Halyang*, from Swatow-Messrs. McCannan, Rickards, E. Paget, Thompson, and 15 Chinese.

Per *Joshin Maru*, from Hongkong-Nagasaki-Messrs. Matsuo Honda and Haba.

Per *Clara Jensen*, from Sydney-Messrs. Dr. J. E. Morrell, Stefan Jawa and L. J. Morrell.

Per *Clara Jensen*, from Victoria-Messrs. J. A. Ross, R. A. Heat and M. Clark.

Per *Clara Jensen*, from Shanghai-Messrs. F. A. Mitchell, J. A. Heat and M. Clark.

Per *Clara Jensen*, from Hongkong-Messrs. F. A. Mitchell, J. A. Heat and M. Clark.

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Shipping Reports

Str. Halyang, from Swatow-Light variable breeze and fine clear weather.

Str. Yedus, from Singapore-Moderate monsoon, hazy towards Hongkong.

Str. Fooksang, from Singapore-Moderate N.E. wind, fine and clear to the Far East; thence similar winds and hazy weather to port.

Str. Kwangle, from Shanghai-Moderate N.E. to N.W. wind, dense fog off Tung Yang, about 9 hours weather, clearing off Dodd Island &c.

Str. Kumeria, from Victoria via Ports-Gales with mountainous seas right across Pacific breaking point of bridge and doing other small damage on deck; vessel overcast in ice for 3 days in Lat. 13° N.

VESSELS IN PORT

Alldam, Br. s.s., 3,808, St. John George, 3rd Mar., Yokohama 23rd Feb., and Kobe 28th, Gen.-G. L. & Co.	Alldam, Br. s.s., 3,808, St. John George, 3rd Mar., Yokohama 23rd Feb., and Kobe 28th, Gen.-G. L. & Co.
Alesia, Ger. s.s., 3,376, J. Ernst, 1st Mar., Portland, Or. 28th Jan., and Moji 25th Feb., Flour-P. & A. S. S. Co.	Alesia, Ger. s.s., 3,376, J. Ernst, 1st Mar., Portland, Or. 28th Jan., and Moji 25th Feb., Flour-P. & A. S. S. Co.
Amara, Br. s.s., 1,564, Matlock, 22nd Mar., Hongkong 20th Mar., Coal-M. B. K.	Amara, Br. s.s., 1,564, Matlock, 22nd Mar., Hongkong 20th Mar., Coal-M. B. K.
Bangkok, Ger. s.s., 1,337, F. Nicolaisen, 19th Mar., Bangkok 4th Mar., Rice and Meal-Yuen Fat Hong.	Bangkok, Ger. s.s., 1,337, F. Nicolaisen, 19th Mar., Bangkok 4th Mar., Rice and Meal-Yuen Fat Hong.
Bourbon, Fr. s.s., 997, Le Bail, 16th Mar., Saigon 12th Mar., Rice-Man Fat.	Bourbon, Fr. s.s., 997, Le Bail, 16th Mar., Saigon 12th Mar., Rice-Man Fat.
Chowai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, W. Müllerman, 23rd Mar., Swatow 2nd Mar., Rice and Wood-B. & S.	Chowai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, W. Müllerman, 23rd Mar., Swatow 2nd Mar., Rice and Wood-B. & S.
Empress of Japan, Br. s.s., 3,039, H. Pybus, R.M.R., 19th Mar., Vancouver 24th Feb., and Shanghai 16th Mar., Mails and Gen.-C. P. R. Co.	Empress of Japan, Br. s.s., 3,039, H. Pybus, R.M.R., 19th Mar., Vancouver 24th Feb., and Shanghai 16th Mar., Mails and Gen.-C. P. R. Co.
Erroll, Br. s.s., 2,889, L. James, 28th Feb., Bangkok 1st Feb., Ballast-D. & Co. Ld.	Erroll, Br. s.s., 2,889, L. James, 28th Feb., Bangkok 1st Feb., Ballast-D. & Co. Ld.
Fausang, Br. s.s., 1,410, H. S. Malkin, 23rd Mar., Saigon 18th Mar., Meal, Rice and Gen.-J. M. & Co.	Fausang, Br. s.s., 1,410, H. S. Malkin, 23rd Mar., Saigon 18th Mar., Meal, Rice and Gen.-J. M. & Co.
Glenfarg, Br. s.s., 2,350, H. R. L. Holman, 22nd Mar., Shanghai 19th Mar., Gen.-C. P. R. Co.	Glenfarg, Br. s.s., 2,350, H. R. L. Holman, 22nd Mar., Shanghai 19th Mar., Gen.-C. P. R. Co.
Gymeric, Br. s.s., 3,375, J. C. Hall, 22nd Mar., Put back owing to some accident on the 21st Mar., Gen.-D. & Co. Ld.	Gymeric, Br. s.s., 3,375, J. C. Hall, 22nd Mar., Put back owing to some accident on the 21st Mar., Gen.-D. & Co. Ld.
Halvard, Nor. s.s., 1,065, R. Rönneberg, 15th Mar., Amoy 14th Mar., Ballast-Aagaard, Thorsen & Co.	Halvard, Nor. s.s., 1,065, R. Rönneberg, 15th Mar., Amoy 14th Mar., Ballast-Aagaard, Thorsen & Co.
Hanoi, Fr. s.s., 739, J. Pannier, 23rd Mar., Haiphong 19th Mar., via Pakhoi and Kwong-chow-wan 22nd, Gen.-A. R. M.	Hanoi, Fr. s.s., 739, J. Pannier, 23rd Mar., Haiphong 19th Mar., via Pakhoi and Kwong-chow-wan 22nd, Gen.-A. R. M.
Helene, Ger. s.s., 771, J. Jessen, 22nd Mar., Haiphong and Hobei 21st Mar., Gen.-J. & Co.	Helene, Ger. s.s., 771, J. Jessen, 22nd Mar., Haiphong and Hobei 21st Mar., Gen.-J. & Co.
Hongkong, Fr. s.s., 742, A. Cornelissen, 22nd Mar., Hobei 20th Mar., Gen.-A. R. M.	Hongkong, Fr. s.s., 742, A. Cornelissen, 22nd Mar., Hobei 20th Mar., Gen.-A. R. M.
Hongmoh, Br. s.s., 2,565, R. S. Bainbridge, 23rd Mar., Singapore 17th Mar., Gen.-Joo Tek Seng.	Hongmoh, Br. s.s., 2,565, R. S. Bainbridge, 23rd Mar., Singapore 17th Mar., Gen.-Joo Tek Seng.
Knaiberg, Ger. s.s., 546, Henk, 23rd Mar., Pakhoi 19th Mar., Sugar and Gen.-J. & Co.	Knaiberg, Ger. s.s., 546, Henk, 23rd Mar., Pakhoi 19th Mar., Sugar and Gen.-J. & Co.
Loosd, Ger. s.s., 1,020, G. Schultzen, 23rd Mar., Bangkok and Kohsichang 14th Mar., Rice and Salt-B. & S.	Loosd, Ger. s.s., 1,020, G. Schultzen, 23rd Mar., Bangkok and Kohsichang 14th Mar., Rice and Salt-B. & S.
Lothian, Br. s.s., 3,222, W. J. Lockhart, 16th Mar., Singapore 10th Mar., Gen.-D. & Co. Ld.	Lothian, Br. s.s., 3,222, W. J. Lockhart, 16th Mar., Singapore 10th Mar., Gen.-D. & Co. Ld.
Mausang, Br. s.s., 1,644, G. S. Weigall, 21st Mar., Sandakan 15th Mar., Timber and Gen.-J. M. & Co.	Mausang, Br. s.s., 1,644, G. S. Weigall, 21st Mar., Sandakan 15th Mar., Timber and Gen.-J. M. & Co.
Mongolia, Am. s.s., 8,750, H. E. Morton, 15th Mar., San Francisco 16th Feb., via Japan and Shanghai 13th Mar., Mails and Gen.-P. M. S. S. Co.	Mongolia, Am. s.s., 8,750, H. E. Morton, 15th Mar., San Francisco 16th Feb., via Japan and Shanghai 13th Mar., Mails and Gen.-P. M. S. S. Co.
Petchaburi, Ger. s.s., 1,373, C. Wolff, 22nd Mar., Bangkok 15th Mar., Rice-B. & S.	Petchaburi, Ger. s.s., 1,373, C. Wolff, 22nd Mar., Bangkok 15th Mar., Rice-B. & S.
Pheumphen, Br. s.s., 1,066, J. H. Scott, 10th Mar., Saigon 6th Mar., Rice-Wo. Fat Sing.	Pheumphen, Br. s.s., 1,066, J. H. Scott, 10th Mar., Saigon 6th Mar., Rice-Wo. Fat Sing.
Progrès, Nor. s.s., 1,641, P. Schjerwag, 22nd Mar., Laut 11th Mar., Coal-Aagaard, Thorsen & Co.	Progrès, Nor. s.s., 1,641, P. Schjerwag, 22nd Mar., Laut 11th Mar., Coal-Aagaard, Thorsen & Co.
Rigel, Am. s.s., 1,758, J. S. West, 23rd Mar., Manila 19th Mar., Gen.-Arratoon & Apear.	Rigel, Am. s.s., 1,758, J. S. West, 23rd Mar., Manila 19th Mar., Gen.-Arratoon & Apear.
Shioano Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,710, F. Furukawa, 24th Feb., Moji 17th Feb., Coal-N. Y. K.	Shioano Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,710, F. Furukawa, 24th Feb., Moji 17th Feb., Coal-N. Y. K.
Shioano Maru, Jap. s.s., 5,960, K. Kawada, 21st Mar., Shanghai 18th Mar., Herring, Lead, Flour and Copper-N. Y. K.	Shioano Maru, Jap. s.s., 5,960, K. Kawada, 21st Mar., Shanghai 18th Mar., Herring, Lead, Flour and Copper-N. Y. K.
Stettin, Br. s.s., 1,346, C. Saugster, 18th Mar., Fochow 17th Mar., Kerosine-Mr. C. McBan.	Stettin, Br. s.s., 1,346, C. Saugster, 18th Mar., Fochow 17th Mar., Kerosine-Mr. C. McBan.
Sui San, Br. s.s., 1,790, W. D. Welsh, 21st Mar., Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 13th Mar., Gen.-J. M. & Co.	Sui San, Br. s.s., 1,790, W. D. Welsh, 21st Mar., Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 13th Mar., Gen.-J. M. & Co.
Szechuen, Br. s.s., 1,714, J. W. Sidford, 22nd Mar., Canton 22nd Mar., Gen.-B. & S.	Szechuen, Br. s.s., 1,714, J. W. Sidford, 22nd Mar., Canton 22nd Mar., Gen.-B. & S.
Teyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,765, Y. Beni, 23rd Mar., San Francisco 26th Feb., Honolulu 5th Mar., Yokohama 17th, Kobe 18th, and Nagasaki 20th, Gen.-T. K. K.	Teyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,765, Y. Beni, 23rd Mar., San Francisco 26th Feb., Honolulu 5th Mar., Yokohama 17th, Kobe 18th, and Nagasaki 20th, Gen.-T. K. K.
Tjibodus, Dut. s.s., 2,295, P. Zwart, 14th Mar., Kobe 7th Mar., Coal and Gen.-J. C. J. L.	Tjibodus, Dut. s.s., 2,295, P. Zwart, 14th Mar., Kobe 7th Mar., Coal and Gen.-J. C. J. L.
Tsintau, Ger. s.s., 1,002, Fr. Hücking, 28th Feb., Bangkok via Swatow 18th Feb., Rice-B. & S.	Tsintau, Ger. s.s., 1,002, Fr. Hücking, 28th Feb., Bangkok via Swatow 18th Feb., Rice-B. & S.
Venus, Am. s.s., 608, G. Benteris, 28th Feb., Manila 24th Feb., Ballast-Jorge & Co.	Venus, Am. s.s., 608, G. Benteris, 28th Feb., Manila 24th Feb., Ballast-Jorge & Co.
Yuensang, Br. s.s., 1,128, F. H. Rolfe, 22nd Mar., Manila 19th Mar., Gen.-J. M. & Co.	Yuensang, Br. s.s., 1,128, F. H. Rolfe, 22nd Mar., Manila 19th Mar., Gen.-J. M. & Co.
Zafiro, Br. s.s., 1,629, R. Rodger, 23rd Mar., Manila 20th Mar., Sugar, Hemp and Wine-S. T. & Co.	Zafiro, Br. s.s., 1,629, R. Rodger, 23rd Mar., Manila 20th Mar., Sugar, Hemp and Wine-S. T. & Co.

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Bourbon, Fr. s.s., 097, Le Lai, 16th Mar.,—
Saigon 12th Mar., Rice,—Mail Fat

Chowini, Ger. s.s., 7, 115, W. Mollerian, 23rd
Mar., Swatow 22nd Mar., Rice and
Wood,—B. & S.

Empress of Japan, Br. s.s., 3,039, H. Pybus,
R.N.R., 19th Mar.,—Vancouver 24th Feb.,
and Shanghai 16th Mar., Mails and Gen.—
C. P. R. Co.

Erroll, Br. s.s., 2,889, L. James, 28th Feb.,
Bangkok 21st Feb., Ballast,—D. & Co.,
Ld.

Fausang, Br. s.s., 1,419, H. S. Malkin, 23rd
Mar.,—Saigon 18th Mar., Meal, Rice and
Gen.—J. & M. Co.

Glen-jarl, Br. s.s., 2,330, H. R. L. Holman,
22nd Mar.,—Shanghai 19th Mar., Gen.—
C. P. R. Co.

Harmonic, Br. s.s., 3,575, J. C. Holl, 22nd Mar.,
—Put back owing to some accident on the
21st Mar., Geo.-D. & Co., Ld.

Harvard, Nor. s.s., 1,066, R. Rönneberg, 15th
Mar.,—Amoy 14th Mar., Ballast,—Aagaard,
Thoresen & Co.

Harz, Fr. s.s., 739, J. Pannier, 23rd Mar.,—
Haiphong 20th Mar., via Pakhoi and
Kwong-chow-wa 22nd, Gen.—A. R. M.

Helen, Ger. s.s., 771, J. Jessen, 22nd Mar.,
Hiphong and Uihow 21st Mar., Gen.—J. &
C. Co.

Impeking, Fr. s.s., 742, A. Cornelissen, 22nd
Mar., Hoihow 20th Mar., Gen.—A. R. M.

Ingmoh, Br. s.s., 2,565, R. S. Bainbridge,
23rd Mar., Singapore 17th Mar., Gen.—
Joo Tek Seng.

Ivinsberg, Ger. s.s., 646, Henk, 23rd Mar.,—
Pakhoi 19th Mar., Sugar and Gen.—J. &
C. Co.

Osoko, Ger. s.s., 1,020, G. Schulzen, 23rd
Mar.,—Bangkok and Kohichang 14th
Mar., Rice and Salt,—B. & S.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	RESERVE	AT WORKING ACCOUNT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATIONS BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	130,000	\$125	\$125	\$1,500,000 \$14,500,000 \$16,000,000	\$2,000,250	{Final of 5s and bonus of 5/- for 1908 @ ex 1/8 = \$26.024	5 1/2 %	{50 1/2 London 1/8
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£7	£6	£4,000 £150,000	\$10,425	\$5 (London 5/6) for 1903	...	5 1/2
MARINE INSURANCES.								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,500,000 \$125,757 \$111,900 \$115,000	none	\$14 for 1907	7 1/2 %	\$187 1/2
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£5	Tls. 150,000 Tls. 305,747 Tls. 118,277	Tls. 160,512	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1907	5 1/2 %	Tls. 200 sales
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$2,000,000 \$202,478 \$199,095 \$237,549	\$2,500,000	{Final of 5s making 5s for 1908 and interim of 5s for 1907	5 1/2 %	\$245 sales
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	15,000	\$100	\$50	\$1,000,000 \$100,000 \$51,157	\$501,768	\$12 and bonus 5s for 1906	7 1/2 %	\$22 1/2 buyers
FIRE INSURANCES.								
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	0,000	\$100	\$20	\$1,000,000 \$100,000 \$118,618	\$375,341	\$6 and bonus 5s for 1907	7 1/2 %	\$108 sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,000,000 \$100,000 \$118,618	\$368,711	\$27 for 1907	8 1/2 %	\$315
SHIPPING.								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$10	\$7,500 \$250,000 \$250,000	\$1,015	\$1 for 1906	...	\$10 sales
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$1,000,000 \$100,000 \$100,000	Nil.	\$2 1/2 for year ending 30.4.1908	7 1/2 %	\$15 buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$607,100 \$79,421 \$12,344	\$20,279	Final of 5s making 5s for 1908	8 1/2 %	\$20 1/2 buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred) ..	60,000	£5	£5	£100,000 £100,000 £100,000	£13,755	{5/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/8 = 5s. 154	5 1/2 %	{240 buyers 220 buyers
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 75,000 Tls. 44,120 Tls. 44,120	Tls. 14,510	Final of Tls. 1 1/2 making Tls. 3 1/2 for 1908 ..	7 1/2 %	{Tls. 47 buyers Tls. 50 buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited ..	1,000,000	£1	£1	£100,000 £100,000 £100,000	£61,817	Second interim of 1/- for a/c 1908	7 1/2 %	Tls. 54 buyers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$100,000 \$100,000 \$100,000	\$98	{£1.00 for year ending 30.4.1908	4 1/2 %	\$23 1/2
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 45,000 Tls. 44,120 Tls. 44,120	Tls. 2,215	Final of Tls. 1 1/2 making Tls. 3 1/2 for 1908 ..	11 1/2 %	Tls. 45 sales
REFINERIES.								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	\$2,000,000 \$200,000 \$200,000	Dr. \$5,858	\$5 for year ending 31.12.08	3 1/2 %	193 1/2
Luen Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	\$700,000 \$70,000 \$70,000	Dr. \$13,813	\$3 for 1897	...	Tls. 125
Erak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000	Tls. 9,273	Tls. 3 1/2 for year ending 31.12.08	...	Tls. 125
MINING.								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	£1	£1	£1,000,000 £100,000 £100,000	£11,556	{Final of 1/6 (coupon No. 11) for year end- ing 29.2.08	7 1/2 %	Tls. 18 1/2 buyers
Ruby Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited ..	150,000	£1	18/10	£1,200,000 £120,000 £120,000	Dr. £2,291	No. 12 of 1/- = 48 cents	...	58 1/2 sellers
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.								
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$450,000 \$45,000 \$45,000	Dr. \$7,481	\$1.75 for year ending 31.12.08	...	\$12
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. .	60,000	\$50	\$50	\$3,000,000 \$300,000 \$300,000	\$10,702	Final of 5s making 5s for 1907	...	\$50 sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$50	\$50	\$2,500,000 \$250,000 \$250,000	\$38,078	Final of 5s making 5s for 1908	9 1/2 %	180 sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000	Tls. 33,742	{Interim of Tls. 2 1/2 for 6 months ending 31st October, 1908	5 1/2 %	Tls. 88 sellers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited ..	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 697,257 Tls. 50,000 Tls. 125,000	Tls. 22,818	Final of Tls. 6 making Tls. 10 for 1908	6 1/2 %	Tls. 169 ex div.
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.								
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 2,500,000 Tls. 250,000 Tls. 250,000	Dr. Tls. 6,551	Tls. 6 for 1907	7 1/2 %	Tls. 202 sales
Aster House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai) ..	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$750,000 \$75,000 \$75,000	Dr. \$4,200	\$2 1/2 for year ending 30.6.07	...	\$1 1/2 sales
Central Stores, Limited	50,125	\$25	\$25	\$1,250,000 \$125,000 \$125,000	\$9,178	\$1.50 for 1906	...	17 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$600,000 \$60,000 \$60,000	\$295	Final of 5s making 5s for 1908	7 1/2 %	185
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. .	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$5,000,000 \$500,000 \$500,000	\$26,475	Final of 5s making 5s for 1908	7 1/2 %	\$100
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited ..	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,500,000 \$150,000 \$150,000	\$5,186	6s cents for 1908	7 1/2 %	\$18 1/2 buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited ..	6,000	\$50	\$50	\$300,000 \$30,000 \$30,000	\$278	\$1 1/2 for 1908	5 1/2 %	30
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,225,045 Tls. 31,000 Tls. 31,000	Tls. 142,404	{Final of Tls. 3 and bonus of Tls. 2 making Tls. 8 for 1908	7 1/2 %	Tls. 115 buyers
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$625,000 \$62,500 \$62,500	\$1,968	Final of 5s making 5s for 1908	9 1/2 %	44 sellers
COTTON MILLS.								
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd. .	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 150,000 Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000	Tls. 8,820	Tls. 5 for year ended 31.10.1908	4 1/2 %	Tls. 121 buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,250,000 \$125,000 \$125,000	\$9,553	\$2 1/2 for year ending 30.6.07	5 1/2 %	9 sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd. .	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 175,000 Tls. 17,500 Tls. 17,500	Tls. 8,372	Tls. 6 for year ended 30.6.08 (8 1/2 %)	...	Tls. 92
Laon-kong-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 800,000 Tls. 80,000 Tls. 80,000	Tls. 4,229	Tls. 4 for 1908	...	Tls. 105
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 31,172 Tls. 3,117 Tls. 3,117	Tls. 15,911	Tls. 50 for 1908	...	Tls. 325 buyers
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12 1/2	12 1/2	\$1,500 \$150,000 \$150,000	£648	1/10th per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$600,000 \$60,000 \$60,000	Nil.	\$1.20 for 1907	9 1/2 %	\$12 1/2
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$500,000 \$50,000 \$50,000	101,138	60 cents for year ended 28.2.08	3 1/2 %	59 1/2 buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd. .	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,250,000 \$125,000 \$125,000	\$3,407	80 cents for 1908	3 1/2 %	\$14 1/2
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	\$300,000 \$30,000 \$30,000	\$48	\$1.50 for year ending 31.7.08	5 1/2 %	59 1/2 buyers
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$4,000,000 \$400,000 \$400,000	\$5,078	Interim of 40 cents for account 1908	10 1/2 %	\$12
M. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	\$10	\$10	\$120,000 \$12,000 \$12,000	\$251	75 cents for 9 months ending 31.12.07	8 1/2 %	\$23 1/2 sales
Hall & Holtz, Limited	21,000	\$20	\$20	\$420,000 \$42,000 \$42,000	\$8,957	\$2 for year ending 28.2.08	10 1/2 %	\$18 1/2 buyers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$600,000 \$60,000 \$60,000	\$9,321	\$1 and bonus 20 cts. for year ending 29.2.08 ..	6 1/2 %	\$190 sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	\$125,000 \$12,500 \$12,500	\$7,616	Final of \$15 per share making \$19 for 1908 ..	8 1/2 %	\$24
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$500,000 \$50,000 \$50,000	\$8,190	Final of \$1 per share making \$2 for 1908	...	Tls. 800 buyers
Matschopp for Mip, Bosch & Co. Landbouwer- plaatse in Longkat, Limited	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	Tls. 547,500 Tls. 54,750 Tls. 54,750	Tls. 17,127	{4th Quarterly div. of Tls. 10 and bonus of Tls. 10 making Tls. 20 to date	6 1/2 %	{54 54
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	\$250,000 \$25,000 \$25,000	\$7,471	{80 cents on fully paid shares and 6 cents on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.08	6 1/2 %	58
Peak Tramways Company (new)	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$500,000 \$50,000 \$50,000	Pa. 18,640	None	...	Tls. 115 buyers
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	\$10	\$10	\$750,000 \$75,000 \$75,000	Tls. 6,603	Final of Tls. 4 making Tls. 7 1/2 for 1907	6 1/2 %	Tls. 120 sellers
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited	24,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,200,000 Tls. 120,000 Tls. 120,000	Tls. 8,491	Final of Tls. 9 making in all Tls. 14 for 1907 ..	12 1/2 %	Tls. 437 1/2 sales
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	Tls. 24,820 Tls. 2,482 Tls. 2,482	Tls. 18,222	Final of 37 1/2 making 54 1/2 for 1907	...	\$24
Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited	16,850	£20	£20	\$1,000,000 \$100,000 \$100,000	\$5,622	None	...	25 1/2 sales
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$150,000 \$15,000 \$15,000	\$236	40 cents for year ending 31.5.08	7 1/2 %	Tls. 94 buyers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	\$5	\$100,000 \$10,000 \$10,000	Tls. 201	Tls. 6 1/2 for year ending 30.4.07	5 1/2 %	\$10 buyers
Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 151,295 Tls. 15,129 Tls. 15,129	Tls. 172	60 cents for year ending 31.12.08	...	\$13 buyers
Union Waterboat Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$500,000 \$50,000 \$50,000	\$1,360	{80 cents on 9,000 ord. shares and \$10.80 on 100 Fong Lee shares for yr. end. 31.5.07 ..	6 1/2 %	\$9 buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000 \$10,000 \$10,000	\$6,418	Interim of 30 cents a/c 1908	6 1/2 %	\$2 1/2 buyers
Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$900,000 \$90,000 \$90,000	\$2,95	{Final of 30 cts. making 30 cts. 1st time year ended 31st June, 1906	...	
William Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$105,000 \$10,500 \$10,500				

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Finely Carved Rhinoceros Horn Cups and Ornaments.

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